

What is claimed is:

1. An information providing system capable of providing information to sell a stocked commodity held by a seller to at least any one of a plurality of predicted potential purchasers

5 who will possibly purchase the stocked commodity, comprising:

stock information storage means stored with commodity identification information for identifying said stocked commodity and deadline management information for managing a deadline of said stocked commodity;

10 extraction means for extracting said commodity identification information on a stocked commodity for which the current time has reached or passed over a predetermined deadline of said deadline management information;

15 purchase information storage means stored with purchase information on each of said predicted potential purchasers;

analysis means for analyzing a matching of said extracted commodity identification information with said purchase information stored in said purchase information storage means; and

20 output means for outputting combinatorial information combining the predicted potential purchaser corresponding to said purchase information and the stocked commodity corresponding to said commodity identification information that were analyzed and estimated to match by said analysis means.

25 2. The information providing system according to claim 1, wherein said predetermined deadline of the deadline management information is a target sales volume completion deadline set for said stocked commodity.

3. The information providing system according to claim 1,

wherein said stocked commodity is provided with a stock deadline, and wherein the predetermined deadline of said deadline management information is a designated deadline prior to said stock deadline.

4. The information providing system according to claim 1,  
5 wherein said commodity identification information includes a commodity name, a stock location and a stock volume.

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wherein said purchase information storage means is stored with distribution destination information on the case in which each predicted potential purchaser has purchased, and wherein said analysis means analyzes the matching including a transportation time from said stock location of the stocked commodity to said distribution destination.

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6. The information providing system according to claim 4, wherein said purchase information storage means is stored with distribution destination information on the case in which each predicted potential purchaser has purchased, and

wherein said analysis means analyzes the matching including a transportation cost from the stock location of said stocked  
20 commodity to said distribution destination.

7. The information providing system according to claim 1, wherein said seller is in plurality, and wherein said stock information storage means is stored with the commodity identification information for identifying said stocked commodity,  
25 by identifying which seller holds the stocked commodity.

8. The information providing system according to claim 1, wherein said purchase information contains purchase information based on the past purchase history.

9. The information providing system according to claim 1,

wherein said purchase information contains predicted purchase information.

10. The information providing system according to claim 1,  
wherein said output means is a terminal connected to an information  
5 communication network.

11. The information providing system according to claim 10,  
wherein said terminal is a terminal of a seller and outputs at  
least the information on the predicted potential purchaser  
corresponding to said purchase information in said combinatorial  
10 information.

12. The information providing system according to claim 10,  
wherein said terminal is the terminal of the predicted potential  
purchaser and outputs at least information on the stocked commodity  
corresponding to said commodity identification information in said  
15 combinatorial information.

13. The information providing system according to claim 12,  
wherein said stock information storage means is stored with  
desired sales price information on said stocked commodity, as set  
by said seller, and

20 wherein said terminal of the predicted potential purchaser  
outputs said desired sales price information together with the  
information on the stocked commodity corresponding to said  
commodity identification information

14. The information providing system according to claim 12,  
25 wherein said stock information storage means is stored with  
desired sales price information on said stocked commodity, as set  
by said seller, and

wherein said terminal of the predicted potential purchaser  
outputs said information on the stocked commodity corresponding

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to said commodity identification information,

further comprising comparison means for comparing, in response to an input of desired purchase price information on the stocked commodity corresponding to said output commodity identification information via the terminal of said predicted potential purchaser, the desired purchase price and said desired sales price, and

wherein the terminal of said predicted potential purchaser outputs result information of negotiability or nonnegotiability in response to the comparison result of said comparison means.

15. The information providing system according to claim 14, wherein said comparison means decides that the transaction is negotiable, if said desired purchase price is equal to or higher than said desired sales price, and decides that it is nonnegotiable, if said desired purchase price is lower than said desired sales price.

16. The information providing system according to claim 15, wherein said terminal includes a terminal of a seller and outputs at least information on the predicted potential purchaser corresponding to said purchase information in said combinatorial information, and

wherein the terminal of the seller outputs the result information of the negotiability if said comparison means decides that the transaction is negotiable.

17. The information providing system according to claim 13, wherein said stock information storage means is stored with, in addition to the desired sales price information on said stocked commodity set by said seller, information on a timing for changing the price and the desired sales price after such change, and

wherein said desired sales price is replaced by the changed desired sales price in response to the arrival at said timing for changing the price.

18. An information providing method capable of providing information to sell a stocked commodity held by a seller to at least any one of a plurality of predicted potential purchasers who will possibly purchase the stocked commodity, comprising:

storing commodity identification information for identifying said stocked commodity and deadline management information for managing a deadline of said stocked commodity;

storing purchase information on each of said predicted potential purchaser;

extracting said commodity identification information on a stocked commodity for which the current time has reached or passed over a predetermined deadline of said deadline management information;

analyzing a matching of said extracted commodity identification information with said stored purchase information; and

outputting combinatorial information combining the predicted potential purchaser corresponding to said purchase information and the stocked commodity corresponding to said commodity identification information that were analyzed and estimated to match.

19. The information providing method according to claim 18, wherein said stocked commodity is provided with a stock deadline, and wherein the predetermined deadline of said deadline management information is a designated deadline prior to said stock deadline.